Ordinance No. 2452

(Amending or Repealing Ordinances)

CFN=131 – Zoning Codes
CFN=172 – Beautification Program
Passed 1/3/1984
Zoning & Land Use; Recodifying provisions of Ch. 12.16 & Sec. 15.08.240 & Repealing Ch. 12.16

Amended by Ord. 3830 (Sec. 15.08.240)
AN ORDINANCE of the City of Kent, Washington, relating to zoning and land use; recodifying provisions of Chapter 12.16 Kent City Code relating to tree protection as Section 15.08.240 Kent City Code; repealing Chapter 12.16 Kent City Code (Ordinance 2245).

WHEREAS, certain provisions of Chapter 12.16 Kent City Code "stream and tree protection" have been incorporated into the provisions of the Water Quality Ordinance, Sections 15.08.220 - 15.08.224 Kent City Code; and

WHEREAS, consolidation of regulations will benefit the public by providing a more concise City Code; NOW, THEREFORE,

THE CITY OF KENT, WASHINGTON, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. A new Section 15.08.240 is added to the Kent City Code, as follows:

15.08.240 PRESERVATION OF TREES

A. PURPOSE: The purpose of this section is to regulate the location and density of development based upon the existence of forests, woodlands, copses and free-standing trees of significant size on undeveloped property. Preservation of trees through the establishment of forest protection zones to enhance the physical environment is an adopted policy of the Kent Comprehensive Plan.


1. On all undeveloped property in the City of Kent, all trees of a six-inch caliper or greater shall be retained on the property where they are growing.

2. Where it is not feasible to retain all trees on site due to the proposed development, a site specific Tree Plan, drawn to scale, shall be prepared. The Tree Plan shall indicate the precise location of all trees of six-inch caliper or greater on the site, in relation to proposed buildings, streets, parking areas, storm drainage facilities and utilities.
3. The Tree Plan shall be submitted to the Kent Planning Department for their review prior to the issuance of a zoning or building permit.

4. The Planning Department shall review the Tree Plan in relation to the proposed development and make a determination of which trees will be permitted to be removed.

5. The Planning Department may cause a modification of the development plan to ensure the retainage of the maximum number of trees.

6. There shall be no clear cutting of trees of six-inch caliper or greater on a site for the sake of preparing that site for future development.

Section 2. Chapter 15.02 KCC is amended to add the following definition:

15.02.527 TREE

Tree shall mean any living woody plant characterized by one main stem or trunk and many branches, and having a diameter of six (6) inches or more measured at three (3) feet above ground level.

Section 3. Chapter 12.16 KCC (Ordinance 2245) is hereby repealed.

Section 4. Effective date. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force five (5) days from and after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

ATTEST:

ISABEL HOGAN, MAYOR

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

P. Stephen DiJulio, City Attorney

PASSED the ___ day of ____, 1984.
APPROVED the ___ day of ____, 1984.
PUBLISHED the ___ day of ____, 1984.

I hereby certify that this is a true copy of Ordinance No. 2452, passed by the City Council of the City of Kent, Washington, and approved by the Mayor of the City of Kent as hereon indicated.

(BADGE)

MARIE JENSEN, CITY CLERK

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